

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Education**

Ph.D. 1988, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Economics  
B.S. 1983, Brigham Young University, Economics

### **Professional employment**

Visiting Scholar/Research Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University,  
May 2018-present.

Professor of the Practice of Economic Development, Kennedy School of Government,  
Harvard University, July 2007-2019.

Senior Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Global Development, 2013-September 2018.

Lead Socio-Economist, New Delhi Office, World Bank, August 2004-May 2007.

Lecturer in Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, September  
2000-July 2004.

Principal Socio-Economist, Jakarta Office, World Bank, August 1998 – August 2000.

Principal Economist, Poverty and Human Resources Division, Policy Research Department,  
World Bank, April 1994-August 1998

Senior Economist, *World Development Report 1994*, World Bank, June 1993-March 1994.

Research Economist, Office of the Vice President, Development Economics, World Bank,  
September 1991-May 1993.

Economist, Trade Policy Division, Country Economics Department, World Bank, September 1989-August 1991.

World Bank, Young Professional Program, 1988-1989.

### **Other Professional Engagements/Achievements/Activities/Accomplishments**

Faculty Chair of the Masters in Public Administration/International Development degree program at Harvard Kennedy School, various years between 2000 and 2017.

Research Director, RISE (Research on Improving Systems of Education), 2015-present, RISE is a large scale, long-term, multi-country research project examining learning achievement.

Co-founder in 1999 of SMERU, an Indonesian policy think tank.

Co-editor, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2004-2008.

Co-director of Building State Capability within the Center for International Development at Harvard Kennedy School and co-developer of on-line course in PDIA (Problem Driven Iterative Adaptation) with over 1000 alumni.

Core team member/co-author of major World Bank publications including: *World Development Report 2004: Making Services Work for the Poor*, *Assessing Aid: What Works, What Doesn't and Why* (1998), *Economic Growth in the 1990s: Learning from a Decade of Reform* (2005), *World Development Report 1994: Infrastructure for Development*, *India Inclusive Growth and Service delivery: Building on India's Success* (2006),

Task Team Leader (TTL) of Social Safety Net Adjustment Loan in Indonesia during the East Asia crisis in 1999.

A variety of engagements with think tanks and associations of development economists at the global (e.g. UNU-WIDER), regional (e.g. ERF in MENA) and country (e.g. Center for Policy Research in India) levels.

Provided consultation/advice/training to a wide range of development assistance organizations in addition to the World Bank including the ADB, the IMF, Google.org, DFID, DFAT.

Prominent public intellectual engaged in the global public discourse around development economics through keynote speeches, blog posts, podcasts, and op-eds.

## Publications

### Books (author and co-author and edited)

[\*Deals and Development: The Political Dynamics of Growth Episodes\*](#). 2018. Oxford University Press. Edited with Kunal Sen and Eric Werker.

[\*Building State Capability: Evidence, Analysis, Action\*](#). 2017. Oxford University Press. (with Matthew Andrews and Michael Woolcock).

[\*The Rebirth of Education: Schooling Ain't Learning\*](#). 2013. Center for Global Development: Brookings Institution Press.

[\*Moving Out of Poverty: Success From the Bottom Up\*](#). Palgrave/Macmillan for the World Bank, 2009. (with Deepa Narayan and Soumya Kapoor).

[\*Let Their People Come: Breaking the Deadlock in International Labor Mobility\*](#). Center for Global Development: Brookings Institution Press, 2006.

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"Where Has All The Education Gone?" *World Bank Economic Review*, 15(3), December 2001.

"Cents and Sociability: Household Incomes and Social Capital in Rural Tanzania." *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 47(4), July 1999. (with Deepa Narayan).

"Divergence, Big Time." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 11(3), Summer 1997.

"Growth Accelerations." *Journal of Economic Growth*, 10(4), 2005. (with Ricardo Hausmann and Dani Rodrik).

"Wealthier is Healthier." *Journal of Human Resources*, 31(4), Fall 1996. (with Lawrence Summers).

"Good Policy or Good Luck? Country Growth Performance and Temporary Shocks." *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 32(3), December 1993. (with William Easterly, Michael Kremer, and Lawrence Summers).

- “The Varieties of Rentier Experience: How Natural Resource Endowments Affect the Political Economy of Resource Growth.” *World Bank Economic Review* 11(2), 2005. (with Jon Isham, Michael Woolcock and Gwen Busby).
- “The Effect of Household Wealth on Educational Attainment: Evidence from 35 Countries.” *Population and Development Review*, 25(1). March 1999. (with Deon Filmer).
- “The Impact of Public Spending on Health: Does Money Matter?” *Social Science and Medicine*. 50(10). May 2000. (with Deon Filmer).
- "Desired Fertility and the Impact of Population Policies." *Population and Development Review*, 20(1). March 1994.
- “Solutions When the Solution is the Problem: An Array of the Disarray in Development.” *World Development*, 32(2). 2004. (with Michael Woolcock).
- “Understanding Patterns of Economic Growth: Searching for Hills Amongst Plateaus, Mountains, and Plains.” *World Bank Economic Review*, 14(2). May 2000.
- "Measuring Outward Orientation: Can it be Done?" *Journal of Development Economics*, 49(2). May 1996.
- "[Escaping Capability Traps through Problem-Driven Iterative Adaptation \(PDIA\)](#)." *World Development*, 51(C). November 2013. (with Matthew Andrews and Michael Woolcock).

***Recent Publications (reverse chronological back to 2013)***

- “A Structured Model of the Dynamics of Student Learning in Developing Countries, with Applications to Policy.” *International Journal of Education and Development*, 82, April 2021. (with Michelle Kaffenberger).
- “Learning Equity Requires More than Equality: Learning Goals and Achievement Gaps between the Rich and the Poor in Five Developing Countries.” *International Journal of Education and Development*, 82. April 2021. (with Maryam Akmal).
- “Aiming higher: Learning Profiles and Gender Equality in 10 low- and middle-income countries” *International Journal of Educational Development*, 79, November 2020. (with Michelle Kaffenberger).
- “Randomizing Development: Method or Madness?” in *Randomized Control Trials in the Field of Development: A Critical Perspective*. F. Bedecarrats, I. Guerin, and F. Roubaud, eds. Oxford University Press. October 2020.
- “The Economics of International Wage Differences and Migration.” [Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance](#). (with Farah Hani). July 2020.

- [“The Future of Jobs is Facing One, Maybe Two, of the Biggest Price Distortions Ever.”](#) *Middle East Development Journal*, 12(1), June 2020.
- “The Place Premium: Bounding the Price Equivalent of Migration Barriers.” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 101(2). May 2019. (with Michael Clemens and Claudio Montenegro).
- [“The New Case for Migration Restrictions: An Assessment.”](#) *Journal of Development Economics*. 138(c). 2018. (with Michael Clemens).
- “Trillions Gained and Lost: Estimating the Magnitude of Growth Episodes.” *Economic Modeling*, 55, June 2016. (with Kunal Sen, Sabyasachi Kar, Selim Raihan).
- Can Rich Countries be Reliable Partners for National Development?” *Horizons: Journal of International Relations and Sustainable Development*, No. 2, Winter 2015.
- [“How Business is Done in the Development World: Deals versus Rules.”](#) *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 29(3), Summer 2015. (with Mary Hallward-Driemeier).
- “Learning from Experiments When Context Matters.” *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* (May 2015). (with Justin Sandefur).
- “Does Public Sector Control Reduce Variance in School Quality?” 2015. *Education Economics*. Vol 23, No. 5. Feb. 2015. (with Martina Viarengo).
- “Slow down you’re going too fast: Matching Curricula to Student Skill Levels.” 2015. *International Journal of Educational Development*. (with Amanda Beatty).
- “Context Matters for Size: Why External Validity Claims and Development Practice Don’t Mix.” *Journal of Globalization and Development*, 4(2), 2015. (with Justin Sandefur).
- “Asiaphoria, Meet Regression to the Mean.” *Prospects for Asia and the Global Economy*. 2014. (with Lawrence Summers).
- “The Regulatory State Goes South in the South.” 2013. *The Rise of the Regulatory State in South Sudan: Infrastructure and Development in Emerging Economies* Navros K. Dubash and Bronwen Morgan eds. 2013.
- “Education: Alternative Perspective.” 2013. in *Global Problems, Smart Solutions: Costs and Benefits*. Bjørn Lomborg, ed., 2013.
- “The World Bank and Public Sector Management: What Next?” *Revue Internationale des Sciences Administratives*. vol. 79, no. 3. 2013.

“Much Higher Schooling, Much Lower Wages: Human Capital and Economic Collapse in Venezuela.” 2013. in *Venezuela Before Chávez: Anatomy of and Economic Collapse*. Ricardo Hausmann and Francisco R. Rodríguez eds., 2013. (with Daniel Ortega).

“Looking for a Break: Identifying Transitions in Growth Regimes.” 2013. *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 58, 2013. (with Kunal Sen, Sabyasachi Kar, and Selim Raihan).

"[Looking Like a State: Techniques of Persistent Failure in State Capability for Implementation.](#)" *Journal of Development Studies*, 49(1), 2013. (with Matt Andrews and Michael Woolcock).

"[Why Demographic Suicide? The Puzzles of European Fertility.](#)" *Population and Development Review*, 38, 2013. (with Martina Viarengo).

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“Let’s Take the Con out of Randomized Control Trials in Development: The Puzzles and Paradoxes of External Validity, Empirically Illustrated.” In process. May 2021.

“National Development Delivers. And How! And How?” In process. May 2021.

“Learning Outcomes in Developing Countries: Four Hard Lessons from PISA-D.” [RISE Working Paper 21/069](#), April 2021. (with Martina Viarengo).

“Women’s Education May Be Even Better Than We Thought: Estimating the Gains from Education when Schooling Ain’t Learning.” [RISE Working Paper 20/049](#), October 2020. (with Michelle Kaffenberger).

“Failing to Plan? Estimating the Impact of Achieving Schooling Goals on Learning.” [RISE Working Paper 20/038](#). (with Michelle Kaffenberger). May 2020.

“[Alleviating Global Poverty: Labor Mobility, Direct Assistance, and Economic Growth.](#)” 2018. Center for Global Development Working Paper 479.

“The Politics of Learning: Directions for Future Research.” 2018. RISE working paper 18/020.

“[The Perils of Partial Attribution: Let’s All Play for Team Development.](#)” 2017. Center for Global Development Essay.

“Girls’ Schooling and Women’s Literacy: Schooling Targets Alone Won’t Reach Learning Goals.” 2017. (with Michelle Kaffenberger). Center for Global Development Policy Paper #104.

“More Schooling and More Learning: Getting to the SDG of Universal Literacy.” 2017. (with Michelle Kaffenberger). RISE Working Paper 17/012.

“Searching for the Devil in the Details: Learning about Development Program Design.” 2016. (with Sara Nadel). Center for Global Development Working Paper #434.

“[Creating Education Systems Coherent for Learning Outcomes.](#)” 2015. RISE working Paper 15/005.

“Value Subtraction in Public Sector Production: Accounting Versus Economic Cost of Primary Schooling in India.” 2014. Center for Global Development Working Paper 391. (with Yamini Aiyar)

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“[Folk and Formula: Fact and Fiction in Development.](#)” *Wider Lecture Series*, 2013.

“[South Sudan's Capability Trap: Building a State with Disruptive Innovation.](#)” *Working Paper Series rwp13-041, John F. Kennedy School of Government*. 2013. (with Greg Larson and Peter Biar Ajak).

“[Promoting Millennium Development Ideals: The Risks of Defining Development Down.](#)” *Working Paper Series rwp13-033, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government*. 2013. (with Charles Kenny).

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“[It's All about MeE: Using Structured Experiential Learning \("e"\) to Crawl the Design Space.](#)” *Working Paper Series rwp13-012, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government*. 2013. (with Salimah Samji and Jeffrey Hammer).

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Instance?” 2011. in *Employment, Living Standards, and Poverty in Contemporary Indonesia*. Chris Manning and Sudarno Sumarto, eds., 2011.

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“Long term challenges in education: Are there feasible steps today?” 2009. in *Shaping Tomorrow Today Near-Term Steps Towards Long-Term Goals*. Robert J. Lempert, Steven W. Popper, Endy Y. Min, James A. Dewar (eds). Rand Corporation: Santa Monica CA, 2009.

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“The Future of Migration: Irresistible Forces Meet Immovable Ideas.” 2008. in *The Future of Globalization: Explorations in Light of Recent Turbulence*. Ernesto Zedillo ed., 2008.

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Philippines.” in *In Search of Prosperity: Analytical Narratives on Economic Growth*, Dani Rodrik (ed.), Princeton University Press, 2003.

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“Primary Health Care in Poor Countries: Rethinking Health Policy.” 2003. in *Le financement de la santé dans les pays d’Afrique et d’Asi à faible revenue*. Martine Audibert, Jakcy Mathonnat et Éric de Roodenbeke eds. 2003. (with Deon Filmer and Jeffery Hammer).

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“What’s the Big Idea? Three Generations of Development Advice.” *Economia*. Fall, 2002. (with David Lindauer).

“It Pays to be Ignorant: A Simple Political Economy of Rigorous Program Evaluation.” *Journal of Policy Reform*, 2002.

“Environmental Degradation and the Demand for Children: Searching for the Vicious Circle in Pakistan.” *Environment and Development Economics* vol. 7, no.2, 2002. (with Deon Filmer).

“Weak Links in the Chain II: A Prescription for Health Policy in Poor Countries.” *World Bank Research Observer*. 2002. (with Jeffrey Hammer and Deon Filmer).

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- “Weak Links in the Chain: A Diagnosis of Health Policy in Poor Countries.” *World Bank Research Observer*, August 2000. (with Deon Filmer and Jeffrey Hammer).
- “Social Capital: Evidence and Implications.” in *Social Capital: A Multifaceted Perspective*, edited by Partha Dasgupta and Ismail Serageldin, Washington DC: World Bank, January 2000. (with Deepa Narayan).
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- “The Social Foundations of Poor Economic Growth in Resource Rich Countries.” in *Resource Abundance and Economic Development*, ed. R. Auty, Oxford University Press, June 1999. (with Michael Woolcock and Jonathan Isham).
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- “The Effect of Household Wealth on Educational Attainment: Evidence from 35 Countries.” *Population and Development Review*, March 1999. (with Deon Filmer).
- “What Education Production Functions Really Show: A Positive Model of the Allocation of Educational Expenditures.” *Economics of Education Review*, March 1999. (with Deon Filmer).
- “Educational Enrollment and Attainment in India: Household Wealth, Gender, Village and State Effects.” *Journal of Education Planning and Administration*, 1998. (with Deon Filmer).
- Assessing Aid: What Works, What Doesn’t and Why*, Oxford University Press, November 1998. (with David Dollar).
- “Governance and the Returns to Investment: An Empirical Investigation.” *World Bank Economic Review*, vol. 11 no. 2, May 1997. (with Jonathan Isham and Daniel Kaufmann).
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